



May 25, 2011

Via email

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Inquiry - Acceleration of Broadband Deployment
WC Docket No. 11-59

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the nation's local elected officials and advisors, we write to express our concerns regarding a statement contained in the above-referenced Notice of Inquiry ("NOI") that suggests the Federal Communications Commission may act on recommendations of the Technological Advisory Council ("TAC") "independent of this proceeding."

The TAC recommendations, proposed by a group of industry and technology professionals, address many of the issues raised in the NOI. We believe it would be premature for the Commission to act on any of these recommendations until local governments have had an opportunity to comment on the NOI and comment through the reauthorized Intergovernmental Advisory Committee ("IAC"). It is our hope that the IAC will provide the Commission with the local government perspective on rights of way management and broadband deployment.

Collectively, we represent the interests of almost every municipality and county government in the United States. It is imperative that the Commission, which strives to be a data driven agency, not act on these recommendations independent of the NOI and the reauthorized IAC. We look forward to working with the Commission as it continues its goal to expand broadband deployment and adoption.

Sincerely,

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